Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit was in favor of adopting the 24 rupees' seer and the jail seer as measures of weight and capacity respectively.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao suggested that some of the measures current in Northern India might be adopted.

Mr. Pilkington considered that the standards adopted should be such as would bring the Indian standards into line with those in vogue in the rest of the civilized world.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 8.

The Mysore Newspaper Regulation, III of 1908.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao and S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga Municipality; K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality; V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; M. Venkatakrishniah, Madappa and N. Srikantiah, Mysore City Municipality; and Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This Regulation may be repealed. If that is not possible it may be amended by (*a*) repealing Section 2 which necessitates the permission of Government before starting a paper; (*b*) providing for a judicial trial by the Chief Court before the order for deportation or for confiscating the press, etc., is passed; and (*c*) defining the various offences for which punishment is to be inflicted under the Regulation.

The Regulation places the editors under unnecessary restraint in respect of criticism of matters of public importance in which Government or its officers are concerned. Further its presence in the Mysore Code is an undeserved reflection on the loyalty of the people of Mysore. The provision regarding deportation should be removed as the people could not bear the loss of an esteemed privilege, *viz.*, that of being His Highness' subjects.

Government promised to modify the provisions of the Regulation in conformity with the various suggestions made, but nothing seems to have been done yet in that direction. It may be repealed at an early date.

The Regulation has smothered all newspapers worth reading in Mysore and Bangalore and made the gathering of public news almost impossible. At least exemption from obtaining license may be granted to publishers of papers. The prerogative of stopping the publication of a paper should rest only with His Highness the Maharaja and should not be delegated to his Government.

Reply of Government.—The existence of the Regulation should not be taken as a slur on the people any more than the existence of the Penal Code is a slur on the people generally. There is no intention to repeal or amend the Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 9.

The Converts' Disabilities Removal Regulation.

Messrs. A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk; K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi

Summary of discussion.—A Regulation enabling Hindu converts to other religions to inherit the properties of relatives who remain as Hindus, should not be passed, and the present law on the subject should be retained as it is.

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